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Notes.

The friends of Juzo Kono, Esq., for many years well known as one of the leading members of the Doshisha Board of Trustees, will regret to learn of the death of his father on the twelfth instant from apoplexy, at the age of sixty-five. He belonged to a large class of self-made men which formed itself in the early years of the Meiji Era and which has played an important part in the life of New Japan. In his boyhood he was apprentice to a *tofuya*, a maker of bean curd, but later on drifted to Osaka where he made connection with men engaged in the larger forms of commerce and gradually raised himself until he could move among them on equal terms and share to no small extent in their most important transac-

tions. Like many another of his class, in those old days, he did not learn to read until well into mature life, until middle age in fact; but in spite of this handicap he won the deep respect of many of the best men of the Empire, as the company which met around his bier would testify.

Conscious of his own defective education he sent his son first to the Doshisha and afterwards to Victoria College, of the University of Toronto, when that meant far more than it does to-day.

The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Danjo Ebina and the service was most impressive.

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The Pacific Mail S. S. *China*, which arrived at Yokohama on the fourteenth brought back to us Dr. J. D. Davis and the Rev. and Mrs. Hiromichi Kozaki. Dr. Davis was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis who are to live in Nagasaki where Mr. Davis is to be stationed as Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Imbrie of the Presbyterian Board were also fellow passengers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kozaki have spent about five months in visiting the Japanese communities on the Pacific coast of the United States and Hawaii, where they have done valiant service. They also attended the meeting of the American Board.

Dr. Davis felt obliged to leave Mrs. Davis, with Miss Helen Davis and his younger sons, in Newtonville, Mass. As he stepped ashore he remarked that he had just read an account of the reconciliation among the friends of the Doshisha, which a hotel launch had brought out to him, and felt ten years younger. Like Hezekiah, he has seen the shadow on the sun dial return ten degrees backward. This must give him several years yet before he reaches the limit which Dr. Osler has set to the effective life of men. We may reasonably expect that as he renews his contact with the work again, the shadow will return backward still farther till he can stand shoulder to shoulder with the youngest of his colleagues.

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A service has been appointed for the twentieth instant in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall of Tokyo, in memory of the soldiers and sailors who died in the late war. It is under Christian auspices. Marquis Oyama, General Baron Kuroki, and General Baron Kodama are expected to be present. We regret to be unable to include an account of the service in this number, for it promises to be a notable occasion.

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The editor regrets to learn that a number of those who have subscribed for more than one copy of the *Mission News* received only one copy of the last issue. He will be glad if those who failed to receive the usual number will report the fact to him at once.

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Arrangements are nearly completed for turning over on January first to the Japanese Home Missionary Society the care of the churches at present aided by the Mission. We hoped to give a

full account of this exceedingly important action in this issue, but in view of the fact that some details are still to be settled, it seems best to wait until the next issue before giving particulars.

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Lack of space and pressure for time prevented the editor from inserting in the last issue an appreciation of the service Dr. Greene, as editor of the *Mission News*, has done for the Mission. By his long residence in Tokyo, where he has come in contact, not only with prominent Japanese, but also with foreigners prominent in public life, he has gained an insight into the character of the Japanese people and an idea of the general trend of events in Japan which the editor can not hope to gain for many years. So it is with considerable diffidence that the editor takes up the new work. For a long time he will need and seek the advice of Dr. Greene upon questions which arise in connection with the publication of the paper, and he gladly takes advantage of Dr. Greene's offer to write the notes at the beginning of each issue.



Christianity in Modern Japan.

Mr. Clement has given us in this small volume a comprehensive sketch of the history of modern missions in Japan. He has covered the ground well and has brought within his survey much detailed information in condensed and useful form.

The first six chapters give a general account of the six periods into which the author divides the history of modern missions, namely:— The Preliminary Period, the Periods of Preparation, Foundation, Popularity, Reaction, and

Revival. Then follow eight chapters devoted to the different bodies of christians working in Japan. Other chapters describe interdenominational organizations, special fields, literature, education, philanthropic work, religious liberty, etc. The concluding chapter entitled "Christianity in 1853 and 1903", sets forth in an impressive manner the rapid growth of christianity.

Congregationalists certainly have received due credit from the author for the work which they began, and which while the part played by the missionaries has greatly diminished, is being carried forward on a larger scale than ever before.

The narrative, so far as we have noticed, though somewhat over-crowded with detail, conveys a clear idea of the growth of the christian church in Japan and of its many-sided activity. It may be heartily commended to all interested in the work of foreign missions.

There are a few slips here and there, for example, on page 120 where the Methodist Publishing House is given the Japanese name of Keiseisha, which is an entirely separate house under Congregational and Presbyterian auspices. However, this and doubtless others, were evidently due to the American proof-reader. They do not in any way affect the value of the book for the general reader.

D. C. Greene.

Christianity in Modern Japan by Ernest W. Clement, Principal Duncan Academy, Tokyo, Author of "Handbook of Modern Japan". Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society, 1905 pp. 205.

The Doshisha.

From time to time references have appeared in the *Japan Mail* and elsewhere which have indicated the existence of a strong opposition to the Directors (*Riji*) of the Dōshisha, on the part of many of the alumni. It will be a great satisfaction to all friends of that institution to know that a reconciliation has been effected which promises to bring to its support the whole body of alumni and through their cordial co-operation to open a new era in its history.

The movement now happily consummated began in a meeting of the alumni of Tokyo, on the evening of October 25th, which was, however, attended by many from other cities who happened to be present and who shared in the discussions. At first much difference of opinion was manifest among the speakers and was expressed with no little vigor; but on every hand there were heard such declarations of loyalty to Dr. Neesima and his plans for the institution as to make it evident that the time had come for an earnest effort to bring the two parties together and to heal the irritation which had grown out of past differences. This was the more manifest because of the general agreement that whoever the Directors might be their policy must be in harmony with the existing constitution of the Doshisha, certainly as regards all fundamental matters. It was also made clear that there was no wish on the part of any to terminate the present arrangement which provides three representatives of the foreign friends of the institution on the Board of Directors,—indeed one of the leaders of the so-called opposition expressed the hope that this cooperation might continue for many years to come.

It was natural, then, for one of the oldest alumni to propose that a commit-



tee of ten persons should be appointed to consider the situation and if possible report at the next meeting of the alumni a plan for healing the present difference. This proposal was received with applause and unanimously adopted. The committee, which was selected by ballot, was made up of the following persons:—

Kazutane Ukita.	Teinosuke Murai.
Hisamitsu Furuya.	Eijiro Ono.
Tokio Yokoi.	Kosuke Tomeoka.
Isao Abe.	Danjo Ebina.
M. Ichihara.	Juzo Kono.

Very early in the negotiations it was decided that whatever changes were proposed in the Board of Directors, none should be considered which savoured of a revolution. All were agreed that the end sought should be, not the victory of one party over another, but some plan for genuine co-operation on a mutually acceptable basis. After careful thought, the committee proposed that no resignations should be asked, but that five new members should be added to the Board of Directors and that two of these should be made members of the Finance Committee. Under this arrangement the number of Directors would be twenty and of the Finance Committee five. There was a desire expressed that seven new Directors, instead of five, might be elected, but this could not be done without an amendment to the Constitution, that is, to the Charter, and it was thought better not to advise this change.

The proposal of the Committee was heartily accepted by the alumni of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe. A special meeting of the Directors was held in Kyoto on Dec. 7th and action was taken unanimously, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee of ten. The new Directors are Messrs. Tsuneteru Miya-

gawa, Tasuku Harada, Eijiro Ono, Teinosuke Murai and Hisamitsu Furuya. The members of the Finance Committee are Messrs Juzo Kono, Kosuke Tomeoka, Eijiro Ono, Teinosuke Murai, and D. C. Greene.

The following day, the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Doshisha was celebrated. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Tsuneteru Miyagawa and Hon. Tokio Yokoi, M. P., and congratulatory essays were read by representatives of the Faculty and students. An interesting feature of the occasion was the announcement that the alumni had collected *yen* 800 toward a prize scholarship fund of *yen* 1,000, in honor of the Rev. Dr. Learned's thirty years' service in the Doshisha.

The Tokyo alumni celebrated the anniversary by a dinner at the Ueno Seiyoken on Dec. 9th which passed off with much eclat.

The plan of conciliation which has been adopted involves no irritating compromises and it would appear that the causes of separation lay rather in the past than in the present, and that no radical difference of opinion as to questions of present policy exists to bar the way to most cordial cooperation. There is evident among the alumni a growing sense of responsibility for the realisation of Dr. Neesima's hopes for the Doshisha and a determined purpose to discharge this responsibility to the full, which augurs a bright future.

D. C. Greene.



Sapporo Items.

For one reason and another *Mission News* has had no items from Hokkaido for some months. But things have been happening up here all the same.

The latest good news is the arrival of the Bartlett family on the morning of November 24th. It brought to mind the joy we had three years ago at the coming of the Bells to Sapporo the day before Thanksgiving. This year again our Thanksgiving was made heartfelt by the new accessions to our station.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Bartlett is Japan-born, learned the language as a child, and has loved the people always. Mr. Bartlett had three years of service in the Doshisha immediately on his graduation from Dartmouth College. During those three years he applied himself intensely to the Japanese language; and because of his love for the people, found himself preaching the gospel in the vernacular even at that early day. Then after his theological studies in America the newly married couple came to Japan in 1894 and did ten years of self-sacrificing service in Tottori. They are both fitted by birth, affection, consecration, and experience for effective evangelizing. We anticipate great pleasure in these new associates and great advantage to the work in this wide Hokkaido field.

They have been accorded a cordial welcome by the pastor and people of Sapporo church not only; but the ministers of other congregations have written their greetings and welcomes. Requests for different sorts of service too have begun to come in upon them before they have become fairly settled.

In August and September, Mr. Miyagawa, the Nestor of the *Kumiai* pulpit,

made a tour of Hokkaido attending the local Conference (Bukwai) at Iwamizawa first and then visiting all the *Kumiai* congregations except that at Toshibetsu. As usual his preaching was in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. His Bible Lectures at Conference and at Sapporo were instructive and his counsels were stirring and helpful. The value of such visits from leading pastors can hardly be over-estimated. They help to bind together the *Kumiai* churches while they greatly encourage and inspire the ministers and people of remote congregations.

For the current academic year the Toshibetsu (Immanuel) people are sparing their minister, Mr. Utagawa, while he is taking a year of special study in Kyoto under the direction of the Doshisha Theological Faculty. Meanwhile the work is being cared for by the people themselves and by visits from abroad. The little congregation is also planning and working toward self-support at the end of five years.

The Asahigawa church under the lead of Mr. Sugiura is making an effort with good prospect of success to assume full self support from January.

George M. Rowland.



Niigata Notes.

The Presbyterians have for many years had work in Niigata and at one or two other places in the province, but until now have never had any resident missionary here. At the recent Annual Meeting of their Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn were located in Niigata. It is with special pleasure that we welcome a one-hundred per cent addition to the present missionary force in this large

province. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn will occupy the house left vacant by Mr. and Mrs. Cobb's removal to Tokyo. We are glad to have them for neighbors but rejoice still more that they are to be fellow laborers with us in the work of bringing a knowledge of Christ to the people of Echigo. Their arrival just before Thanksgiving Day gave us additional cause for thankfulness and enabled us to observe the day in true American fashion with a Union Thanksgiving Service as well as the usual Dinner.

Two recent tours have been of special interest. The first was a ninety mile trip by jinrikisha and on foot through the northern part of our field.

On the first evening I assisted Mr. Hamada, the Nakajo evangelist, at a largely attended *Gentokwai* (Lantern Meeting) in the village school-house at Kurokawa. The meeting was followed by a long but profitable conversation at the hotel with a band of young men who are members of Mr. Hamada's weekly Bible class in this village. Preaching services, and the after-meeting conversations, were also held on the three following evenings at Seki, Nakajo and Shibata.

It was my first visit to Seki and I was greatly pleased to see what a promising work has been opened up in this town which is some twelve miles beyond Nakajo and forms, for the present, our most distant out-post. A year ago Mr. Hamada took the town by storm with his stereopticon. The largest Buddhist temple in Seki was crowded with an audience of eight hundred or more, and many of the people were deeply moved by the story of the Prodigal Son, illustrated with the same views used by Mr. Allechin in his

famous Lantern Lectures. Ever since that time Mr. Hamada has held bi-monthly preaching services in Seki and is always sure of a welcome. On the night of our recent visit a large upper room in the hotel was filled with an audience of men, women and children who listened quietly to two sermons and then tarried some time for further conversation and for singing of Christian hymns.

A Christian family just returned after seven years in Hawaii are proving a great help to our work in Seki. This is direct testimony to the good work that our representatives in those islands are doing for Japan.

Mrs. Curtis and her Bible Woman have received an urgent request that they should visit Seki and hold the first Christian Meeting for Women in that place. They will try to do so on their next tour in that direction. In October they had a very successful Woman's Meeting at Nakajo. There are but two or three Christian women there and they had hardly expected an audience of more than eight or ten, but were delightfully surprised to find the rooms of the pastor's house filled with an audience of thirty-five women and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamada are both doing a splendid work and exerting a wide influence throughout all that region. It was my special privilege to be entertained at their home, and one of the pleasantest experiences of the whole tour was the sitting with them around the *hibachi*, after the evening meeting, talking together of the things concerning the Kingdom.

This Nakajo Church is the one aided church in our field that is to be passed over to the care of the Japan Home Missionary Society, under the new

arrangement to go into effect the first of January. Altho financial relations will cease we are urged by both pastor and people to continue to help them by frequent visits.

Since I began writing these notes a letter has come from the Nakajo church saying that the land on which their little church building stands is wanted at once for a new Post Office, and they are therefore face to face with the problem of how to provide for a new church home. The timbers of the old building will bring but seventy *yen*, but one of the Post Office officials has promised to donate an additional thirty *yen*. The little band of Christians and their friends can raise one hundred *yen* more. The new building however, will cost four-hundred *yen*, so only one half of the money needed for rebuilding is in sight. Before surrendering all financial responsibility for this Church that has for many years been connected with our Mission, I should like to assist them as far as possible in their effort to secure a new house of worship. I shall be glad to hear from others who may have the same desire!

The second tour of which I wish to write was a short trip to Gosen only two hours distant from Niigata by rail and jinrikisha.

Gosen was for many years a flourishing out-station with a local evangelist and some thirty baptized converts. Owing to deaths and removals, the number of Christians has been reduced to a mere handful, and these few have long been without regular services of any kind. Through the lack of funds and of workers, and because of the pressure of touring opportunities in other parts of our field the work at Gosen has been almost entirely neglect-

ed. My last visit to the place was in company with Mr. Bartlett more than two years ago.

On the 7th of December with the help of Mr. Shishido the new pastor of the Niigata Church and Mr. Uyeda, our evangelist at Kashiwazaki who is a native of Gosen, we held a preaching service in the theater. Altho it was a rainy night a good-sized audience listened to the preaching with a quiet attention that was in marked contrast to the noisy demonstrations of opposition that Mr. Uyeda had witnessed at similar meetings in Gosen ten years ago. On the following evening, in response to special invitations, about one hundred of the leading citizens gathered at the school-house and listened to addresses on Christian Education.

The Niigata pastor was so impressed with the need and the opportunity at Gosen that he has offered to visit the place once a month for the purpose of holding meetings.

William L. Curtis.

Niigata, Dec, 11, 1905.



The Baikwa Girl's School.

The Baikwa Girl's opened quietly and well this term with 226 pupils enrolled on its books. The changes in the corps of teachers and in the curriculum were so few that it made practically no difference in the orderly continuance of the school.

Now that the war is over some of our alumnae think it a fitting time to work and plan to raise money for new buildings to replace our already overcrowded and exceedingly inadequate class rooms. Any funds for this purpose from foreign members of the

Mission or from foreign friends will be most thankfully received! Any person contemplating such a gift can get further information of the dire need by applying to the writer. The Japanese connected with the school will try their level best to get all they can from their friends.

During the summer vacation a large number of pupils and teachers, mostly from our Christian Endeavor Society, took blank scrap-books to fill in with pictures received from Miss Colby's friends who had been solicited for them, and this fall these books have been given out to the wounded soldiers in the hospitals. They have given great comfort and diversion and the only trouble has been that we could give only two books to a room of eight soldiers. On a recent visit many of the soldiers had contracted eye trouble in the war and could not see to read the fine print of the Bible and tracts but they held out their hands most eagerly for the bright colored books. The one hundred books and cards which were received from Rev. Henry Loomis for free distribution have been most gratefully used by the soldiers and officers in the Shimmachi hospital in Osaka. My guide in this hospital told me the other day "that every sick soldier wants one of those scrap-books."

To day has been a gala-day in Osaka for 1890 sailors and 100 officers from the British Squadron have been entertained by the city of Osaka in our Nakanoshima Park.

Some of the christians of Osaka have been most strenuous that something be done to show forth the welcome and good fellowship of the christian community to these sailors, and altho' the result was necessarily small, it showed unmistakably the spirit of the christians.

Two of our christian Girl's Schools were urged to attend en masse and sing "God save the king." Some of us had grave doubts as to the wisdom of the undertaking, considering what had been reported of the squadron's reception elsewhere, but it was urged that much more should the christians be alive to the opportunity and do what they could. Accordingly our school joined in with the Bishop Poole Girl's School (English) and united in singing "God Save the King" to the officers on their arrival in the park. Some of the program committee were only too glad to have this song by the two schools and altho' other schools had made preparation to sing we were the only schools allowed in the park and the appreciation of the song and efforts of the schools was quite marked. After the song the two schools immediately withdrew from the park. Mr. Allchin led the singing with his cornet and they also had the unexpected accompaniment of cannon firing. Admiral Noel expressed himself as quite pleased at the song from the schools and sent his thanks to Miss Gillespye, the present principal of the Poole Girl's School, and incidentally remarked that the girls remembered their English well, as they sang two verses, which was more than the ordinary English sailor could remember. Another pleasant thing that the christians did was to have a large sign put up on a sightly place on the bank of the Dojima River which read "Welcome from the members of the christian churches".

The more thoughtful among the British guests must certainly have noticed that the christians here tried to welcome them in a fraternal spirit.

Lucy Ella Case

Anniversary Exercises at Kobe College.

The thirtieth anniversary of the founding of this school was celebrated very pleasantly on the twenty-fourth of November. The public exercises began the preceding evening with the rendering by the music department and the literary society of the musical dialogue "Queen Britannia and the Strikers", which was given two years ago, but which had been much improved, and thoroughly deserved the praise bestowed by those who saw and heard it. Forty or fifty of the students took part in the entertainment, and they as well as the teachers who drilled them had worked hard for weeks to make the performance as nearly perfect as possible. There had been two dress rehearsals attended by the members of the school and many of their friends, so that it was possible to reserve the small space available in our chapel for specially invited guests on that evening. As the dialogue was entirely in English many friends of the school who did not understand that language were omitted from the list of invited guests.

On Friday afternoon the anniversary exercises were held in the chapel, and were attended by many friends as well as the members of the school. One of the principal addresses was given by Mr. Matsuyama, a charter member and the first Japanese pastor of the first Kumiai (Congregational) church organized in Japan. As this is the church with which our school has always been connected, and as Mr. Matsuyama's wife was one of the earliest pupils, it seemed especially fitting that he should speak on this occasion. The other address was given by Miss Talcott, the founder of the school, and brought back vividly

the old days. It was one of the most satisfactory things about the celebration that she could be present and take an active part in the exercises of the day. The formal meeting was followed by a reception in which Miss Talcott, Mr. Yamanouchi, the teacher of longest standing in the school, Miss Watanabe, president of the alumnae association, and Miss Searle met the friends who stayed to say pleasant words of congratulation. Meanwhile in the museum the students held a sale of fancy articles on which they had been diligently working for weeks. They had an attractive display and were successful in disposing of their wares and taking orders for more. The proceeds of the sale are to go to the fund for a library building started by the students and friends of the school five years ago.

In the evening the Kobe Church friends came to the College chapel for their prayer meeting, uniting with us in an hour of praise and prayer that drew us very close together.

The students who had been working hard to make the musical evening a success were disturbed because they had not been able to prepare anything for the sale, and begged to be allowed to give a concert and charge admission. As Miss Torrey said they had enough music prepared in the course of their regular work to make a respectable program, and they promised not to let it interfere with their studies, they received the desired permission. By giving the concert at five and repeating it at eight the same evening, (Dec. 2) they were able to admit about five hundred persons in their two audiences, and as their expenses were not heavy, they cleared nearly a hundred *yen*. The performance was creditable to the music department, and it was certainly

a surprise to some of us that the girls could do so much and do it so well. Mr. Vivian Sale kindly played two selections on the violoncello which were much appreciated and the girls had a little help from their teachers, but they took the responsibility and carried it well.

The announcement was made at the anniversary exercises of the lease of a piece of ground near the school, so that it will not be necessary to change the location. As soon as the owners complete the draining and filling in of the ground a new building will be erected for the lower academy classes. Changes in the course of study were also announced, intended to bring it more nearly into line with the government Koto Jo Gakko. This will bring in a class of girls at least a year younger than our entering classes under the present plan. It was further stated that we are ready to offer a diploma for the completion of a regular five year course in music. The evident success of the musical department during the last year or two has made this step seem feasible. We have lost some promising music specials because they would have no diploma to show for their work even if they remained here a number of years.

When Mr. Ishii was in Kobe with the Orphan Asylum Band and Cinematograph, he kindly arranged to give us a treat in the College chapel at a very low price. This was thoroughly appreciated by teachers and students.

Susan A. Searle.



Tsuyama.

The church, and especially the writer, as being the one who has to do all the playing, are rejoicing just now over the

gift of an organ. It is a fine new Estey with case of natural oak, thus nicely matching the pulpit and furnishings tho' nothing was said about color when it was ordered. It is the gift of two friends of the church. One of the donors tho' not a christian, is connected with the church through a son and two daughters who are members and have all been faithful workers in the Sunday-school. The younger daughter was taken sick last spring, the disease rapidly took a serious turn and she passed away a few months ago. Her father soon after expressed a wish to make some gift to the church in memory of his daughter. An organ had long been needed and, since the new church was built, talked about, the only instrument being the baby organ bought years ago. So it was finally arranged that he should join with another friend of the church in presenting this organ. The one thing lacking in the equipment of the church is thus secured with a corresponding immense improvement in the music of the Sunday services.

At the communion service the first Sunday in December there were three baptisms which with two to be mentioned presently bring the number for the year up to fifteen. One of them was a school teacher from a neighboring village. There are two other teachers in the same school earnestly studying the Bible who, though not as far advanced as he, will probably follow him soon. This shows a great change in the attitude towards christianity, for until recently school teachers have been greatly prejudiced against it and have openly used their influence to keep children from attending Sunday School.

It is with great joy that we can record a forward movement in Kurashiki. The missionary with help from

Japanese bréthren has been carrying on work there ever since his return from furlough five years ago. There has seemed to be steady progress, though there have been and are still discouraging features connected with it. For a few months past, a desire has been manifested on the part of some for baptism. The writer had been thinking of late that it would be a help if the work could be brought into more direct relation to the church. The pastor, Mr. Morita, had never been out there, but at my earnest request consented to accompany me last week, though he is burdened with work in Tsuyama. We started at ten A. M. Thursday and arrived at Kurashiki for a one o'clock dinner. Then I took him around to introduce him to the friends. We visited first the home of a young woman who has been studying christianity several years and is a helper in the Sunday School. She was one of the candidates for baptism and upon examination showed a strong christian faith which was most satisfactory. We next visited the home of the post-master whose wife is a christian and a graduate of Kobe College. After our visit there was over, at my request he went to introduce us at two homes where the men had recently joined the Temperance Society, but whom circumstances had so far prevented my meeting. One of them is a wealthy young man about twenty-eight years of age, who has been brought to the verge of physical and moral death by drink. He had reached the point where he could not do anything without the stimulus of liquor. He spent his nights drinking and his days sleeping off its effects. His friends induced Mr. Tateishi, our church deacon and President of the local Temperance Society to come out and use

his influence with him. As a result he signed the pledge and has not tasted liquor for over three months. The effects of abstinence are already clearly seen and testified to by himself in his changed physical condition. The other man whom we next went to see is a physician. There was time for only one more call before supper and this was upon one of the county officials, a christian and graduate of the Doshisha. After supper came the usual meetings first for the children, and then for the adults, the latter being an unusually good one. It was designed to be only for those especially interested and fifteen were present, among others, besides those called upon in the afternoon, the chief of police and his wife, the latter another candidate for baptism. After the meeting, conversation continued so long that it was half past eleven when we got back to the hotel. The next morning before we had had time to eat our breakfast, we had a call from a man which lasted until ten o'clock, but in the meantime, knowing that we hadn't had breakfast, he politely told the waiter to bring ours in and one for himself too. When they came, however, he put his aside, saying he had eaten before coming. This was about an hour after he came. When he had gone we went to call upon the chief of police. He had questions for us upon miracles, freedom of the will, Old Testament etc. His wife having given satisfactory evidence of christian faith, we next made arrangements for the service at the house of the other candidate. Of the only two christians now in Kurashiki, before mentioned, only one, the post-master's wife, was able to be present, the first time she had had the privilege of attending such a service since leaving Kobe College, fifteen or more years

Note.

ago. A most delightful baptismal and communion service was held with these three, Christ's promise to be with two or three met together in his name being truly fulfilled. It was a season of sincere joy for all of us and an afternoon never to be forgotten when these two, the first-fruits of the work in Kurashiki, made this public profession of their faith in the Saviour and determination to live for him. With this proof of God's blessing we have taken new hope and courage for the work there in faith that the others will follow in the same way in due time.

S. S. White.



The Mission is relieved to learn, by cablegram, that one of its members, Dr. De Forest, will not be called home to engage in the special campaign among American churches, to be inaugurated this coming January by the American Board, with the object of increasing interest in the foreign work and of securing a million dollars during 1906, Dr. A. H. Smith, of China, whose furlough is overdue, having been drafted for the service. Dr DeForest, with the whole of Japan calling for his Manchurian addresses, has more work laid out for him already than he can compass in a twelvemonth.

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